



California State Parks

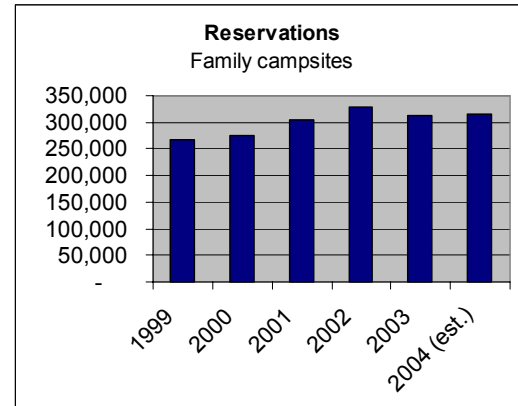
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Camping in Your California State Parks

- 115 of the 278 California State Park units have campgrounds, providing the public with 14,823 camp sites.
- In addition to traditional camp sites, State Parks also offer accessible campsites, cabins with varying levels of amenities, environmental campsites (walk-in sites), floating campsites, and equestrian campsites. Some parks offer hook-ups for recreational vehicles.
- Lake Oroville State Recreation Area has the most campsites - 1,401 - including floating campsites and mooring sites for overnight camping on private boats.
- If your camping group is too large for a traditional site, there are also 230 group camp sites available through the State Park System. Group sites can accommodate from 9 to as many as 100 persons, depending on the park.
- While some campsites are available on a first-come first-served basis, many must be reserved in advance. Reservations are made through Reserve America at 800/444-PARK (7275), or on-line in the Reservations & Fees Section at www.parks.ca.gov. Reservations can be made up to seven months in advance, all year long.



- Important facts about traditional campsites:
 - Accommodate up to 8 people
 - Camping fee includes entry for 1 vehicle and 1 legally towed vehicle or trailer
 - A maximum of 2 licensed vehicles/autos, travel, boat and utility trailers may be parked at most campsites. There is an additional charge for the second vehicle or trailer.
 - Amenities in developed campsites vary from park to park, and may include fire pits or fire rings, picnic tables, a cleared area for your tent, and near by showers and water supply.
 - Dogs must be kept on a leash no longer than 6', and in a tent or enclosed vehicle at night.
 - Check in is after 2 PM on your reservation start date. Check



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- out by noon on your departure date.
- Nine California State Parks were named to the **2004 Top 100 Family Campgrounds** in the U.S. in a survey conducted by Reserve America:
 - Auburn State Recreation Area
 - Benbow Lake State Recreation Area
 - Calaveras Big Trees State Park
 - Emerald Bay State Park
 - Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park
 - Lake Oroville State Recreation Area
 - Limekiln State Park
 - Palomar Mountain State Park
 - Russian Gulch State Park
- Tips for successful camping reservations:
 - Flexibility – If the camp site you usually stay in is reserved, try another site on the same loop or in the neighboring loop.
 - If you want to reserve more than one camp site on the same days for the same trip, you will have to make more than one reservation. Each reservation will have a separate confirmation number.
 - Weekend and holiday reservation dates fill up first. Consider camping mid week and during the off-peak season when the park is less crowded.

Camping Fees per Night

(Fee is based on the level of development at each campground)

○ Developed traditional site	\$15 to \$25
○ Primitive traditional campsites	\$11 to \$25
○ Group campsite (developed)	\$53-\$450
○ Group campsite (primitive)	\$23 to \$186
○ Trail/Hike and Bike sites	\$3 to \$5 per person
○ Cabin rentals	\$75
○ Lake Oroville floating sites	\$100
○ Premium sites	\$10 additional per site
○ Hookups	\$24 to \$44
○ First additional motor vehicle	\$2 - \$14
○ Subsequent vehicles	\$2 - \$14